



CIRCULAR NO. 4D-2-1

IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR ADR NO. 4D - SEAT BELTS

INTRODUCTION

1. In February 1983 the Australian Transport Advisory Council agreed the Board be given discretion to exempt individual passenger car models unable to comply with the implementation date of January 1984 if technically justifiable. However, all passenger cars manufactured on or after 1 January 1985 will be required to comply with ADR 40 without exemption.
2. The decision conditionally allows deferment of the implementation date for some passenger car models from January 1984 to 1 January 1985.
3. The purpose of this Circular is to outline the technical grounds for the deferment of this implementation date.

ACCEPTABLE TECHNICAL JUSTIFICATION

4. The Board has agreed that vehicle models manufactured on or after 1 January 1984 but prior to 1 January 1985 may be exempted from being required to comply with ADR 4D provided the vehicle manufacturer submits evidence to the satisfaction of the Board that without major reconstruction of the vehicle body structure:
 - (a) the strength of the vehicle body is inadequate to withstand the prescribed loads; or
 - (b) there is inadequate space to install retracting rear seat belts and maintain the required seat belt geometry.